

Lake County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

<i>School Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	1,095	530	2	2	592	257	7	3	91	42	80	36
10 to 14	1,275	651	5	2	679	328	8	5	95	48	92	45
15 to 19	1,425	679	8	3	831	415	7	3	114	57	88	45
20 to 24	1,120	561	7	2	621	290	10	8	66	34	71	36
Total	4,915	2,421	22	9	2,723	1,290	32	19	366	181	331	162

<i>Working Age</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	16,145	8,314	44	19	4,788	2,466	63	50	560	297	447	226
15-64	12,629	6,466	43	19	4,440	2,261	58	46	497	262	416	211
20+	14,720	7,635	36	16	3,957	2,051	56	47	446	240	359	181
20-64	11,204	5,787	35	16	3,609	1,846	51	43	383	205	328	166

<i>Other Age Group</i>	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	1,008	477	3	1	669	341	2	1	66	31	70	40
5 to 19	3,795	1,860	15	7	2,102	1,000	22	11	300	147	260	126
20 to 44	5,329	2,749	25	10	2,373	1,204	37	30	230	119	231	119
45 to 64	5,875	3,038	10	6	1,236	642	14	13	153	86	97	47
65+	3,516	1,848	1	0	348	205	5	4	63	35	31	15
Total	19,523	9,972	54	24	6,728	3,392	80	59	812	418	689	347

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates.
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau.

Top 15 Private Employers in Lake County Listed in Alphabetical Order with Employment Size Class

<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>	<i>Business Name</i>	<i>Size Class</i>
Best Western KwaTaqNuk	5	S & K Technologies	5
Community Bank	5	St. Joseph Hospital	6
Home Caregivers Inc.	5	St. Luke Community Hospital	6
Jore Corporation	6	Safeway	5
Mission Mountain Enterprises	6	Super 1 Foods	5
Mission Valley Power	5	Tamsco Manufacturing	5
Plum Creek Manufacturing	6	Wal-Mart	6
S & K Electronics	6		

Employment Size Class Coding 6=100-249 employees; 5=50-99 employees

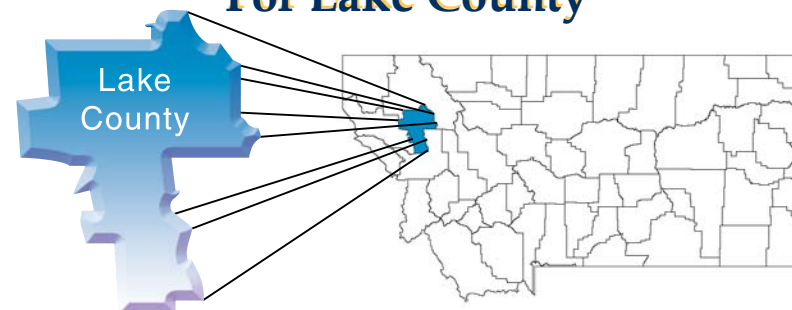
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.
Fourth Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

MONTANA Department of Labor and Industry

Labor Market Information

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For Lake County



Cities and Towns in Lake County

Arlee ▀ Big Arm ▀ Charlo ▀ Dayton ▀ Elmo
Moiese ▀ Niarada ▀ Pablo ▀ Polson ▀ Proctor
Ravalli ▀ Rollins ▀ Ronan ▀ St. Ignatius ▀ Swan Lake



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Located in northwestern Montana, Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous with 27,919 residents, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Polson, the county seat, is the state's 16th largest city with a population of 4,681, according to the 2004 U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

Agriculture is important to the area's economy. Lake County has the third largest total number of farms in Montana, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture. The county also has the fourth largest number of beef cattle ranches and farms. The cattle industry is the number one agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

The 2004 Employment by Industry table (see inside) shows about 31 percent of the covered employment is in the government sector, with most in local government. Retail trade follows with nearly 20 percent of the total private employment, followed by private health care with 19 percent. Manufacturing is strong with 13 percent of the total private employment, which compares to about six percent statewide.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Lake County households in 2002 was \$29,300, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income addresses the per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is total income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

Lake County is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation with a population of 6,999, according to the 2000 Census. The Flathead Reservation was established by the Hellgate Treaty of 1855. In 1845, Father Pierre Jean DeSmet arrived and helped establish the first permanent mission at St. Ignatius in 1854. Lake County is also home to the Mission Valley and Mission Mountain Range, Flathead Lake (the largest natural, freshwater lake in the western United States), the National Bison Range, and the Bob Marshall Wilderness. It is close to Glacier National Park.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1923 and was one of the last counties to be formed in Montana. The authors add Flathead Lake was the inspiration for Lake County's name and Polson was named for Mission Valley stockman David Polson.

Lake County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2004 Estimate	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2003-2004	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2004	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	926,865	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	1.0%	0.8%	2.7%	1.7%	12.9%
Lake County	27,919	27,374	27,006	26,507	21,041	2.0%	1.4%	5.3%	3.3%	26.0%
Polson	4,681	4,522	4,321	4,041	3,254	3.5%	4.7%	15.8%	11.9%	24.2%
Ronan	1,949	1,905	1,888	1,812	1,574	2.3%	0.9%	7.6%	4.2%	15.1%
St. Ignatius	812	799	794	788	781	1.6%	0.6%	3.0%	0.8%	0.9%

2000 Lake County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Lake County	County of Work	# Who Live in Lake County
Out of State	40	Out of State	129
Cascade County	5	Dawson County	4
Dawson County	17	Flathead County	899
Flathead County	160	Gallatin County	14
Hill County	5	Glacier County	13
Lake County	9,052	Hill County	6
Mineral County	1	Jefferson County	18
Missoula County	404	Lake County	9,052
Musselshell County	2	Lincoln County	9
Ravalli County	63	Missoula County	531
Sanders County	181	Petroleum County	4
Silver Bow County	4	Powell County	4
		Ravalli County	10
		Sanders County	100
		Yellowstone County	17
		Other Montana Counties	5

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Data.

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Lake County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	11,069	5,598	5,471
<i>Management, professional, and related occupations:</i>	3,474	1,636	1,838
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	1,426	929	497
Management, except farmers and farm managers	746	473	273
Farmers and farm managers	448	334	114
Business and financial operations occupations:	232	122	110
<i>Professional and related occupations:</i>	2,048	707	1,341
Education, training, and library occupations	840	223	617
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	434	86	348
<i>Service occupations:</i>	1,748	551	1,197
Protective service occupations:	115	115	0
Food preparation and serving related occupations	661	161	500
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	419	225	194
Personal care and service occupations	307	30	277
<i>Sales and office occupations:</i>	2,523	705	1,818
Sales and related occupations	992	413	579
Office and administrative support occupations	1,531	292	1,239
<i>Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations</i>	459	333	126
<i>Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:</i>	1,305	1,236	69
Construction and extraction occupations:	804	776	28
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	501	460	41
<i>Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:</i>	1,560	1,137	423
Production occupations	1,023	685	338
Motor vehicle operators	262	236	26
Material moving workers	254	198	56

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eeo 2001.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at:
<http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chambers of Commerce:

Polson Chamber, P. O. Box 667, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-5969,
<http://www.polsonchamber.com>
Ronan Chamber, P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-8300
St. Ignatius Chamber, P. O. Box 452, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0452, 406-745-2190
Swan Lake Chamber, P. O. Box 5199, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2642

Department of Labor and Industry:

Lake County Job Service Workforce Center

417-B Main St., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-7880, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/polson/>

Economic Development:

Lake County Community Development Corporation, P. O. Box 128, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5900
Salish Kootenai College Business Center, P. O. Box 70, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-675-4800

Housing Costs:

Northwest Montana Association of REALTORS®, 110 Cooperative Way, Kalispell, MT 59901, 406-752-4197

Internet:

Check the Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
For information on the Internet about the cities and towns of Arlee, Big Arm, Charlo, Dayton, Elmo, Moiese, Niarada, Pablo, Polson, Proctor, Ravalli, Rollins, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and Swan Lake, go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Polson-7 Third Ave. W., 406-883-3755

Newspapers:

Char-Koosta News, P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855-0098, 406-675-3000,
<http://www.charkoosta.com>
Lake County Leader, P. O. Box 1090, Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-4343,
<http://www.leaderadvertiser.com>

Public Libraries:

Jocko Valley Public Library, 212 Culloyah St., Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3572
Polson City Library, 2 First Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-8225
Ronan City Library, 203 Main St. SW, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3682
St. Ignatius School-Community Library, 4th and Blaine, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-3811, extension 222
Swan Lake Public Library, 70900 Highway 83, Swan Lake, MT 59911, 406-886-2086

Postsecondary Education Institution:

Tribally Controlled Community College

Salish Kootenai College, P. O. Box 70, Pablo, MT 59855, 406-275-4800, <http://www.skcc.edu>

Lake County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Arlee Public Schools, P. O. Box 37, Arlee, MT 59821, 406-726-3216
Charlo Public Schools, P. O. Box 10, Charlo, MT 59824, 406-644-2207
Polson Public Schools, 111 Fourth Ave. E., Polson, MT 59860, 406-883-6355
Ronan Public Schools, Drawer R, Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-3390
St. Ignatius K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 1540, St. Ignatius, MT 59865, 406-745-4420



Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



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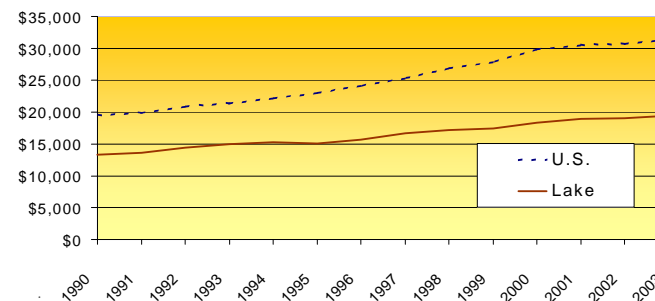
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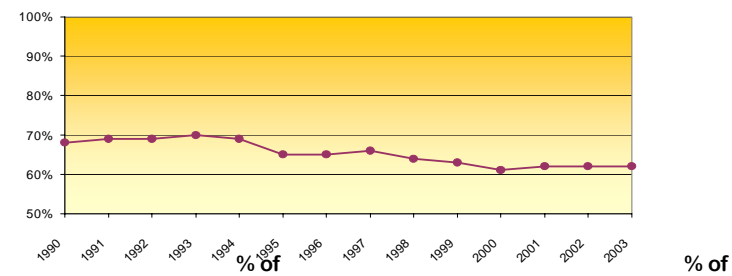
Be sure to check our location quotients for Lake County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Lake County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient greater than 1 generally indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Lake County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Lake County than in the nation as a whole.

Lake County Per Capita Personal Income

Per Capita Personal Income



Percent of National Average



Year	U.S.	Lake County	National Average	Year	U.S.	Lake County	% of National Average
2003	\$31,472	\$19,399	62%	1996	\$24,175	\$15,713	65%
2002	\$30,804	\$19,020	62%	1995	\$23,076	\$15,093	65%
2001	\$30,575	\$18,936	62%	1994	\$22,172	\$15,312	69%
2000	\$29,847	\$18,291	61%	1993	\$21,346	\$15,018	70%
1999	\$27,939	\$17,494	63%	1992	\$20,854	\$14,379	69%
1998	\$26,883	\$17,170	64%	1991	\$19,892	\$13,635	69%
1997	\$25,334	\$16,674	66%	1990	\$19,477	\$13,288	68%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Lake County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2004	11,509	10,776	733	6.4%
2003	11,591	10,859	732	6.3%
2002	11,679	10,807	872	7.5%
2001	11,850	10,853	997	8.4%
2000	12,369	11,626	743	6.0%

Source: These estimates are provisional estimates produced by the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and will be revised further in 2005.

Lake County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	1,185
Oilseed & Grain Farming	22
Vegetable & Melon Farming	17
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	222
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	26
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	217
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	400
Cattle Feedlots	15
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	11
Hog & Pig Farming	8
Poultry & Egg Production	2
Sheep & Goat Farming	19
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	226

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Lake County Employment by Industry* Annual Averages 2004

Industry	# of Estab-lishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab-lishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	939	8,283	\$209,532,538	TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	23	36	\$646,426
TOTAL PRIVATE	879	5,698	\$133,172,489	Air Transportation	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	29	84	\$1,721,425	Truck Transportation	15	17	\$467,522
Crop Production	13	45	\$638,139	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	3	11	\$86,857
Animal Production	3	2	\$18,494	Support Activities for Transportation	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Forestry & Logging	10	34	\$962,159	Postal Service	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Agriculture & Forestry Support	4	4	\$102,633	Couriers & Messengers	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
MINING	5	25	\$832,570	Warehousing & Storage	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
UTILITIES	5	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		INFORMATION	15	161	\$9,350,616
CONSTRUCTION	165	444	\$10,989,596	Publishing Industries, Except Internet	3	10	\$174,401
Construction of Buildings	54	141	\$3,665,892	Motion Picture, Sound Recording Industry	4	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	13	27	\$723,271	Broadcasting, Except Internet	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Specialty Trade Contractors	99	276	\$6,600,433	Telecommunications	5	42	\$2,146,076
MANUFACTURING	47	756	\$22,749,984	ISPs*, Search Portals, & Data Processing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Food Manufacturing	7	43	\$843,091	Other Information Services	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Beverage & Tobacco Products Manufacturing	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		FINANCE & INSURANCE	33	231	\$6,818,115
Textile Product Mills	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	18	199	\$6,004,207
Apparel Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Securities, Commodities, Contracts, Investments	4	4	\$132,420
Wood Products Manufacturing	8	199	\$6,690,488	Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	12	28	\$681,488
Printing & Related Support Activities	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		REAL ESTATE & RENTAL & LEASING	42	73	\$1,484,506
Chemical Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Real Estate	35	49	\$947,470
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Rental & Leasing Services	7	25	\$537,036
Nonmetallic Mineral Products Manufacturing	3	39	\$1,282,074	PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES	58	174	\$5,591,467
Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	3	3	\$282,506
Machinery Manufacturing	1	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		ADMINISTRATIVE & WASTE SERVICES	28	81	\$1,681,999
Computer & Electronic Products Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Administrative & Support Services	22	71	\$1,470,146
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Waste Management & Remediation Services	5	10	\$211,853
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	7	13	\$355,219
Furniture & Related Products Manufacturing	5	23	\$459,114	PRIVATE HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	80	1,059	\$26,407,077
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	5	13	\$310,488	Ambulatory Health Care Services	38	329	\$10,213,759
WHOLESALE TRADE	24	126	\$2,608,773	Hospitals	2	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	12	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	11	DISCLOSURE ISSUE	
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	9	70	\$1,532,661	Social Assistance	29	186	\$2,570,264
Electronic Markets & Agents & Brokers	3	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION	20	79	\$1,098,138
RETAIL TRADE	126	1,158	\$23,385,674	Performing Arts & Spectator Sports	5	7	\$102,511
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	17	201	\$5,594,505	Amusements, Gambling & Recreation	15	72	\$995,627
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	4	22	\$456,505	ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES	87	871	\$8,386,151
Electronics & Appliance Stores	5	36	\$1,563,148	Accommodation	15	186	\$1,703,771
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	15	139	\$2,986,336	Food Services & Drinking Places	72	685	\$6,682,380
Food & Beverage Stores	18	278	\$5,201,002	OTHER SERVICES	81	229	\$3,892,126
Health & Personal Care Stores	6	58	\$1,293,866	Repair & Maintenance	25	68	\$1,461,812
Gasoline Stations	18	162	\$2,282,818	Personal & Laundry Services	13	26	\$343,498
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	4	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		Membership Associations & Organizations	27	113	\$1,643,636
Sporting Good, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	7	23	\$328,662	Private Households	17	22	\$443,180
General Merchandise Stores	4	DISCLOSURE ISSUE		TOTAL GOVERNMENT	60	2,585	\$76,360,049
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	23	57	\$502,326	Local Government	18	2,356	\$68,069,195
Nonstore Retailers	6	11	\$275,501	State Government	17	102	\$3,304,754
				Federal Government	25	127	\$4,986,100

*Internet Service Providers

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.